THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Bomb disposal squad of Delhi Police has in its possession equipment like Bomb Blanket, Bomb Suit, Mine Sweeper (MD 2000), Bomb Suppression Blanket, RSP Tool Kit, Electronic Stethoscope, Hook and Pipe Line Set, Hand Held Metel Detector, Explosive Detector (M-97), X-Ray Machine (Inspector Model), Water Canon, Hand Magnetic Floor Sweeper, Remote Operating Wire Cutter, Mechanical Wire Cutter, Halogen Search Light and Remote Car Opening Tool Kit. Modernisation of the Police Force, including its Bomb Disposal Squads and Bomb Detection Teams, is a continuing process.

Reconstitution of National Integration Council

1101. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand for the reconstitution of the National Integration Council (NIC) in order to maintain communal amity at the national level and for solving all national problems amicably; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The National Integration Council will be reconstituted in due course of time.

International terrorist organisations in India

† 1102. SHRI BAL KAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the arrest of aides of Osama Bin Laden, intelligence agencies have received information that the roots of an international terrorist organisation named Al Quaida have spread throughout India; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken by Government to curb the activities of such terrorist organisations?

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) There are no confirmed reports to substantiate the activities of 'Al Quaida' in India. However, arrest of certain persons in connection with a conspiracy to bomb US Embassy in New Delhi revealed the possible links of an associate of Osama Bin Laden with certain persons alleged to be involved in the conspiracy.

(b) Government have adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants/terrorists, which includes strengthening border management, gearing up the intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of militants/terrorists by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication systems etc. Central Government has also been sensitizing the State Governments about the threat perception and activities of various militants/terrorist outfits. Assistance by way of deployment of Central Para-Military Forces is also provided as and when required. Steps have also been taken to secure international cooperation for curbing the activities of militant/terrorist organizations. Financial assistance, including reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure is provided by the Central Government to the affected States for curbing activities of terrorists4nilitants.

Amendment to the Criminal Procedure Code

1103. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the light of experience in recent BMW and Jessica Lai Murder cases where key witness have turned hostile during trial thus rendering prosecution cases weak and ineffective and derailing process of justice, Government propose to amend the Criminal Procedure Code;

(b) if so, the details of amendments proposed to be made;

(c) whether Government have considered pros and cons of proposed amendments and consulted Law Commission, State